A.—(*a*) (i) One.
(ii) None.
(*b*) None.
(*c*) One. No grants are sanctioned for the upkeep of Ayurvedic dispensaries.

Appointment of a woman medical officer for the treatment of venereal diseases.

* 558 Q.—Dr. S. Muthulakshmi Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of in and out female patients that attended the General and other Government hospitals in the City of Madras for the treatment of venereal diseases during the year 1926;

(*b*) whether any attempt was made to appoint a woman medical officer to look after such women patients in these hospitals; and

(*c*) if the answer to clause (*b*) be in the negative, whether the Government will be pleased to take immediate steps for the appointment of female medical officers for the purpose?

A.—(*a*) The information is furnished below:—

Name of institution.	Number of female patients treated during 1926.	
	In-patients.	Out-patients.
1. Government General Hospital.	113	435
2. Rayapuram Hospital	343	751
3. Royapetta ,, ...	37	170
4. Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital.	94	273
5. Hospital for Women and Children.	76	111

(*b*) There are lady doctors in the Royapetta Hospital, the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital and the Hospital for Women and Children to attend to such patients. Lady doctors have not been appointed to the General Hospital or the Rayapuram Hospital.

(*c*) The General and the Rayapuram Hospitals are used for the training of medical students. The majority of the students who attend the General Hospital and all those attending the Rayapuram Hospital are men. As these students must in the course of their training necessarily examine female patients, there is no urgent need for the appointment of lady doctors in these two hospitals. Female patients who object to being examined by male doctors can without difficulty go either to the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital or to the Hospital for Women and Children.

Medical certificates for public servants.

*559 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the head of a department can refuse requisition to a medical officer to examine a subordinate who applies to him for leave on the ground of illness;